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# calendar

## FEBRUARY IS EIU AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION MONTH!

### 2002-2003 Art Faculty Exhibition

- through February 23, Main Galleries

### Mr. Imagination: The Inner Eye of Mr. I

- January 31 - March 2, Brainard Gallery

### Chamber Theatre: *Sylvia*

- January 31, February 1, 7 & 8, 7:30pm, February 9, 3pm

### Chamber Music Concert: Susan Teicher with Family and Friends

- Sunday, February 2, 3pm

### Closed for Observance of Lincoln's Birthday

- Friday, February 14

### Artist's Gallery Talk: Mr. Imagination

- Tuesday, February 18, 7pm, Brainard Gallery

### Artist's Workshop: Mr. Imagination

- Wednesday, February 19, 6pm, Art Park West

### Recital: EIU Prep Program

- Friday, February 21, 4pm

# exhibitions

### 2002-2003 Art Faculty Exhibition

- through February 23, Main Galleries

Recent art work in a wide variety of media and styles make up this annual exhibition by Eastern Illinois University's current, adjunct, and emeritus Art Department faculty members. Represented in this year's exhibition are Art faculty members Jeff Boshart (sculpture), Suzan Braun (weaving), Jenny Chi (painting), David Griffin (metals), Glenn Hild (drawing), William Hubschmitt (digital prints on canvas), Christopher Kahler (painting/drawing), Mary Leonard-Cravens (graphic design), and Charles Nivens (graphic design). Also participating are Kit Morice (drawing) and David Pooley (painting) of the Tarble Arts Center staff and adjunct faculty Dorothy Bennett (mixed media and photography) and Jamie Willis (drawing/watercolor). The emeritus faculty represented are Carl Emmerich (painting and mixed media) and Bill Heyduck (ceramics). This exhibition is co-sponsored with the EIU Art Department.

Ke-Hsin Jenny Chi is the newest member of the EIU Art faculty. Chi, who teaches painting and drawing, holds an MFA from the Graduate School of Figurative Art of the New York Academy of Art (New York City) and a BA from Lewis University (Romeoville, IL). She also attended the Tainan Junior College of Art (Taiwan) and has studied for the past two summers at the Florence Academy of Art (Florence, Italy). Prior to joining Eastern's faculty Chi taught at Jacksonville University and the University of North Florida (Jacksonville, FL). Her work has been exhibited in New York, Florida, Canada, Norway, Taiwan, Japan, and Korea. Among her awards received is the Carl Steinsieck Memorial Award for Best Figure Drawing at the St. Augustine Art Association (St. Augustine, FL).

### Mr. Imagination: The Inner Eye of Mr. I

- January 31 - March 2, Brainard Gallery

Mr. Imagination creates art out of discards and found objects. He is known nationally and internationally for his bottle cap staffs and thrones, paint brush portraits, and carved sandstone sculpture. A self-taught artist who grew up on Chicago's south side, it was through a near-death experience in 1978 that Gregory Warmack became Mr. Imagination. The prevailing feeling in Mr. I's art is spirituality and the dominant motif is the human eye. "The eye is found in all races and nationalities -- a strong Egyptian symbol from our past. Everyone can relate to its spiritual symbology," states Mr. I.

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### Spring Junior-Senior High Enrichment: Mr. Imagination

• February 4-27

This tour/studio program, offered at no charge to area junior-senior high art teachers and their students, will focus on the exhibition *Mr. Imagination: The Inner Eye of Mr. I*. Students will design and fabricate a staff in the studio portion of the program using wood, fabric, bottle caps, and other found objects. The program was developed by Tarble Curator of Education Kit Morice in consultation with Dr. Gene Harrison of the EIU Art Department and will be presented by EIU Art Education students.

### Spring 2003 Classes and Workshops

• Classes begin February 17

Art classes and workshops for ages 4 and over will be offered at the Tarble beginning February 17. Please refer to the Spring 2003 Tarble class/workshop brochure for course descriptions, scheduling, and fees.

### Mr. Imagination: Gallery Talk

• Tuesday, February 18, 7pm

This noted self-taught artist will talk about his art on exhibition in the Brainard Gallery, including its inspiration and the found materials used. Space is limited and admission is free. This event is part of the 2003 EIU African American Heritage Celebration and is co-sponsored with the EIU Art Department and the Office of Minority Affairs.

### Mr. Imagination: Artist's Workshop

• Wednesday, February 19, 6pm, Art Park West

Mr. Imagination will demonstrate some of his sculpting techniques using plaster of paris and found objects. Hands-on participation is available on a limited basis. Standing room is available for those who just want to observe. Admission is free. Call 581-2787 for workshop information. This event is part of the 2003 EIU African American Heritage Celebration and is co-sponsored with the EIU Art Department and the Office of Minority Affairs.

## from the curator

As I write this, the training of art education students to present the Spring 2003 Junior/Senior High Enrichment Program to area art teachers and their students and the gathering of workshop materials -- including some 6,000 bottle caps -- are in full swing. This year's featured exhibition is *Mr. Imagination: The Inner Eye of Mr. I*. Issues in contemporary folk art will be addressed as well as the use of non-traditional art materials. The program will begin with a tour of the exhibition followed by a hand-on workshop in the Tarble classroom. Students will use found objects--buttons, fabric, jewels, and the aforementioned bottle caps--to encrust a staff during the studio portion of the program. Being a long-time fan Mr. I's work, I am looking forward to the exhibition and his visit in mid-February.

Area schools participating in the 2003 Junior/Senior High Enrichment are Arthur Junior/Senior High School; Central A&M High School, Assumption-Moweaqua; Chrisman High School; Cumberland Elementary and Junior High School, Toledo; Mattoon Middle and Senior High Schools; Oakland High School; the Pathways Program; Shiloh High School; Stewardson-Strasburg High School; and Windsor Junior-Senior High School.

-- Kit Morice

## from the director

I want to thank the many Tarble Arts members who renewed their memberships and welcome those who are new as members. As you can see from the enclosed insert, membership in the Tarble continues to grow. Membership support, in the form of participation as well as funding, is vital to sustain and expand the services provided by the Tarble Arts Center for the students, residents, and visitors of east-central Illinois. If you received a request to join or renew, it's not too late to become a member. And if you didn't receive a mailing don't despair, this is because your membership year is not yet up; another round of renewal notices will go out mid-spring.

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Stella Foreman in November and June

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(As of 10 January 2003)



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